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1. THIS IS INTERIM REPLY TO REF B. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE SOME MORE DEFINITIVE ANSWERS MARCH 29 BUT BELIVE HAVING THIS MESSAGE OPENING BUSINESS MONDAY WILL BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE.

2. AMBASSADOR SAW SHAIKH SULTAN SUNDAY MARCH 27. EX-TEREMELY TIMELY RESPONSE REF B TO OUR INQUIRES REF A WAS THEREFORE MOST HELPFUL. OUTCOME OF MEETING WAS LESS THAN WE HAD HOPED, HOWEVER, SINCE SHAIKH SULTAN NOW STATES HE WILL BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO US BEFORE  
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OCTOBER. THAT OF COURSE RAISES QUESTION OF WHAT HAPPENS TO PROPOSED TOUR STARTING LATE APRIL.

AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED TWO ALTERNATIVES WITH SULTAN-- EITHER WE PUT OFF ENTIRE EXERCISE UNTIL FRQL WITH INTENT THAT SULTAN WOULD AGAIN BE LEADER, OR WE PROCEED WITH PRESENT PLAN WITH DIFFERENT LEAER AND MAKE SEPARATE ARRAN-

GEMENTS FOR SULTAN IN FALL.

DECISION BETWEEN THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES WAS NOT FULLY RESOLVED MARCH 27 AND DCM CALLED GEN KHALDI MORNING OF MARCH 28 TO FOLLOW-UP. KHALDI WAS CLEARLY SURPRISED BY SULTAN'S CHANGE IN PLANS. HIS FIRST INCLINATION WAS TO PROCEED WITH APRIL/MAY TOUR EVENT WITHOUT SULTAN. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD MEETING WITH SULTAN ON MARCH 29 AND WISHED TO DISCUSS MATTER AT THAT TIME. THIS WOULD LEAD TO FIRM DECISION WHICH HE PROMISED TO CONVEY TO US IMMEDIATELY. OBVIOUSLY WE WILL PASS IT WITH LIKE DISPATCH.

3. AS GENERAL COMMENT OF CONFUSION AND UNHAPPINESS THEREWITH EXPRXUSED PARA 2.B REF B, EMBASSY CAN ASSURE ALL CONCERNED THAT WE TOO WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO HAVE KNOWN SOONER OF CONFLICT WITH SULTAN'S SCHEDULE. AS INDICATED, SO WOULD GEN KHALDI. BUT WE REGRET TO SAY, THIS NOT THE UNITED STATES--NOR EVEN JORDAN. PEOPLE HERE DO NOT HAVE SAME SENSE OF TIME, ADVANCED PLANNING DOES NOT MEAN SAME THING, THE RELATIVELY FEW PEOPLE WHO COUNT DO TEND TO MAKE SUDDEN CHANGES IN THEIR SCHEDULES--AND IN FAIRNESS TO THEM, THEY HAVE SUDDEN DEMANDS PLACED ON THEM WHICH OFTEN MAKE THIS A NECESSITY. IN SHORT WE ARE MINDFUL OF CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH CHANGES; WE DO OUR BEST TO AVOID THEM; BUT WE HOPE FOR DEGREE OF ACCEPTANCE THAT THIS IS SIMPLY THAT WAY IT SOMETIMES IS AROUND HERE.

4. FURTHER WITH REFERENCE TO THE WAY THINGS ARE, REASON WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND GEN KHALDI CHOSE TO GO FMS ROUTE RATHER THAN HAVING "SELF-INVITED" TOUR RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO DESIRE TO HAVE THINGS AS WELL ORGANIZED, AS SIMPLE IN TERMS OF DEMANDS OF PARTICIPANTS, AS POSSIBLE. THIS MADE IDEA OF ESCORT OFFICER WHO WOULD HANDLE ADMIN DETAILS, MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS, MOST ATTRACTIVE. IT WAS THIS CONCERN WHICH LED EMBASSY AND GEN KHALDI TO RAISE BINT REF A ABOUT HANDLING EXPENSES, IN PARTICULAR HOTEL BILLS. WE REALIZE US ARMY IS NOT IN REGULAR BUSINESS OF BEING WET NURSE OF RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED, INEXPERIENCED OFFICERS, BUT SOME ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR VARYING CONDITIONS. MOST IF NOT ALL OF OFFICERS COMING WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST TRIP TO UNITED STATES. THEIR OTHER FOREIGN TRAVEL HAS IN MOST CASES BEEN TO ARAB COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE INEVITABLY GUESTS WITH ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE OR TO UK WHICH HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN CATERING TO RICH ARABS, KEEPING PROCESS AS SIMPLE (NOT TO MENTION AS LUCRATIVE) AS POSSIBLE. GIVEN THESE FACTORS EMBASSY REITERATES HOPE THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO MINIMIZE THIS ISSUE

OF HANDLING EXPENSE. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR EX-  
AMPLE FOR CONTROL OFFICERS (POC'S) AT VARIOUS STOPS TO  
CONTACT HOTELS IN QUESTION, TO EXPLAIN SITUATION AND  
TO SEEK HOTEL'S AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT WRITTEN ASSURANCES  
OF PAYMENT FROM UAE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON? PRESUMABLY  
HOTELS IN QUESTION GET CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS COURTESIES  
OF US ARMY BOOKINGS, MAKING THEM SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUCH  
APPROACHES. IF LIST OF HOTELS CAN THEN BE GIVEN TO  
UAE EMBASSY, PERHAPS BY NEA/ARP AT STATE, IT SHOULD  
NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO SECURE REQUIRED LETTERS IN TIME.  
IF ALL ELSE FAILS WE WILL SEEK FOLLOW TRAVELERS CHECK  
ROUTE, BUT SUCH INSTRUMENTS ARE NOT IN COMMON USE HERE  
AND WE SEE POTENTIAL FOR MUCH CONFUSION DURING TOUR.

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5. RE WEEKEND ARRANGEMENTS, ASSURANCES PARA 4A. REF B  
WELCOMED. WE HAD APPRECIATED POINT ABOUT UTILITY OF  
HAVING DESIGNATED US ARMY REP AT EACH STOP AND HAD MEN-  
TIONED SAME TO GEN KHALFI. WE ONLY WISHED TO PASS  
ALONG HIS CONCERNS WHICH, IN RELIEVING THOSE INSTAL-  
LATIONS OF NEED FOR EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMING, WILL PROBABLY  
BE WELCOMED BY THEM AS WELL.

6. RE HOTELS, AS STATED REF B, WE REALIZED BIT MORE

PRECISION IS REQUIRED RE NATURE OF ACCOMODATIONS  
DESIRED. AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM GEN KHALDI TOMORROW  
ON BASIC QUESTION OF HOW WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED, WE  
WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE RESPONSE.

7. THEREFORE, WE ASK THAT NO IRREVOCABLE ACTION BE  
TAKEN AS PER PARA 5, REG B TO CANCEL PRESENT PLANS.  
WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GIVE ANSERE BY MARCH 29, BUT  
SURELY WITH MONTH STILL TO GO THERE IS STILL TIME TO  
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WORK OUT DETAILS. WE CAN ONLY REMIND ALL CONCERNED  
THAT THIS IS FIRST SUCH EXERCISE FOR UAE. THEY ARE  
INEXPERIENCED, THEY DO HAVE CONSIDERABLE TO LEARN,  
AND SOME SPECIAL MEASURES ARE REQUIRED. BUT WE DO  
FEEL T JM, THANKS TO EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED, THIS TOUR  
CAN BE IMPORTANT STEP IN BUILDING FRUITFUL, LOW KEY  
RELATIONSHIP WITH MILITARY HERE WHICH IS IN USG'S  
LONG TERM INTERESTS.  
DICKMAN

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